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Ranking Member John Katko
House Committee on Homeland Security
U.S. House of Representatives
H2-117 Ford House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Ranking Member Katko,

I write to express Airlines for America's (A4A) robust support for H.R. 4094, the "One-Stop Pilot Program Act of 2021." This bill would serve as a critical tool for the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), partner governments and the commercial aviation industry to pilot innovative ways to increase security at foreign last point of departure airports while increasing efficiency of screening for passengers and baggage within the United States.

This bill would authorize a pilot program at 10 or fewer foreign last point of departure airports, permitting passengers flying from these airports and their carry-on baggage to continue to additional flights or flight segments within the U.S. without additional security rescreening. U.S. airlines have collaborated positively with the TSA on similar initiatives for years, but unfortunately our collective efforts have been stymied by outdated requirements in the Aviation and Transportation Security Act.

By permitting the TSA to pilot a new concept in a safe and controlled manner, it will be possible to demonstrate how such security enhancement programs may be permanently and broadly implemented. The bill is consistent with standards and recommended practices set by the International Civil Aviation Organization and puts the United States in a position to lead the international community on modern approaches to enhance aviation security.

Safety and security are always the top priorities of A4A and our member airlines, and we are encouraged that this bill maintains the high aviation security standards for flights into and within the United States. Upon passage, we look forward to continued collaboration with the TSA on all One-Stop security efforts.

On behalf of the commercial U.S. aviation industry, A4A strongly supports this legislation. Thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

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cc: Representative Stephanie Murphy, Representative Michael Guest, Ranking Member Carlos Gimenez and Ranking Member Clay Higgins